

THE SUEZ CANAL.

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"I now came to the question of leaving the dues off the capacity of ships without the necessity of adopting the suicidal process of delay in requisiring every ship as she arrives at the port." "But," said Sir John Lubbock, "the matter is supposed to be attended with insuperable objections; they are by no means such as to recoil from."

"By adding 20 per cent. to the gross tonnage we would arrive at the approximate capacity of steamers. It would be a fair gauge, to which no objection could be taken as it is below the mark; but it is a method I should hesitate in recommending as being on a raffle. No person could object to the Suez Canal Company recognizing the gross tonnage, as that has been almost international."

"The real question may be viewed as follows:—To what extent can tonnage be raised so as still to secure decided advantages to the Suez Canal route versus the Railway, and the Cape route?"

"My own opinion is that it would scarcely be practicable to exceed the gross tonnage, although it is possible that in this option I may lean too much on the side of prudence."

"I have the honour to be, Sir, your most truly,

"DANIEL C. LANGE."

MISCELLANEOUS.

A WATERPOUT.—A textual oration.
A SMART-CHANCE.—A mutual plaister.
THE BEST COLOR FOR FACES.—Water-color.
Messrs. Barnett and Gale, of London, have obtained a patent for laying the tramways in Australia for the Great Eastern Ry. This work will be commenced immediately, and will, it is believed, be completed in 12 months.
A CRAMBER OF HORRORS.—EXTRAORDINARY.—An extraordinary discovery has been made at Albany, New York. From the account given by the *Athenæ* Argos, it seems that on the morning of the 12th March a clerk in the post office at the Exchange Buildings connected an upland train which had been cleared for 17 years, when a spectacle met his eye "which would furnish an admirable chapter in a sequel to 'The Mysteries of Udolpho.'" The floor of the room was covered with packing-nails, and five cartboys, who were found dead in one corner of the cars were found portions of a model steam-engine, the various parts of which were as bright as if they had been put there a few days before. The mystery, however, was not so far gone upon the floor as up among the rafters, for on looking upwards the clerk saw suspended by a string from one of the rafters the skull of a human being. Immediately under this he perceived a small box, containing a white arm, hand, and bustle, while near by was one-half of the ribs. But more mysteries remained to be developed. Near the door was a box, in which were discovered a large quantity of bones, some of which appeared to be the lower end human bones, showing that an attempt had been made to burn the bones. The skull, when taken down, proved to have been sawn in half. The discovery of an empty muglany led to another, which had been placed in the "Dr. Kip," two parchment bottles of the seventeenth century, and a number of bottles containing chemicals, together with old enamel cases used in photographing, made up the sum total of the things which had been cleared for 17 years. "Dr. Kip" was no one known, but there can be little doubt he was a person of peculiar, not to say unpleasant habits.

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Bank, 15 days' sight,
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Do.....	Nuevo Con.....
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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON <i>via</i> SUBEZ CANAL	Ulysses (str.)		Antwerp & Swire		On or about 28th inst.
NEW YORK	Tommy	Hazemann	Hongkong Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		Quick dispatch.
SAN FRANCISCO	San Mew		Hongkong Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		Quick dispatch.
Do	Galley of Lyons (str.)	Robinson	The China Trans-Pacific S. Co.		On the 24th inst. at 4 P.
Do	MacGregor (str.)		Hongkong P. M. S. S. Co.		Quick dispatch.
SPORE, PANG & VALOUTTE	China (str.)		Wm. Pusat & Co.		On the 24th inst. at 8 P.
MANILA	Comblin	Gardner	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.		On the 24th inst. at 8 P.
Do	Nuevo Constaute	Larabe	Hongkong Remedios & Co.		Quick dispatch.
SAIGON	Riga (str.)	Fabrie	Carlowitz & Co.		Quick dispatch.
HANKOK	Esperance	Drysdale	Hongkong Ah Yon, or Kwong Lee Yuen		To-day, at 8 A.M.
FOOHOON	Gatillon		Hongkong: Fredric Degmmer		Quick dispatch.
SWARIN <i>via</i> FOOHOON	Wibison	Pittman	Carlowitz & Co.		Quick dispatch.
FOOHOON	Lunnon		Hongkong Douglas Lappin & Co.		To-morrow, at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI	Gratford (str.)		Hongkong Clybthart & Co.		Quick dispatch.
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 3d 772 Hongkong, 19th May, 1873.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOHOV
THE Steamship
"KWANG-TUNG."
 Captain Pitman, will leave for the above port
 TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Freight and Passage, apply to
 DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co.,
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P. M. S. Co.

THE Steamer
"MACGREGOR"
 will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yok-
 hama, on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at,

Intimations.

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Post-Office Notifications.

A semi-weekly.

For Saigon.—*Per Riga*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Swatow.—*Amoy* and *Fouchow*.—*Per Kuangyang*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 10.30 A.M.

The Mail for Yokohama, San Francisco, and the United States of America, *per Extra Packet MacGregor*, will close at 2.30 P.M. on Saturday, the 24th instant, instead of at the time previously notified.

For Singapore, Penang, and Ooloota.—*Per Indian Mail Packet China*, on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE "UNITED STATES"
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

The United States Mail Packet "*MACGREGOR*" will be dispatched on THURSDAY, the 22nd instant, at 2 P.M., with the Mails—

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 P.M.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 10 A.M. to 2.30 P.M., on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition to the Postage.

The Prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory.

Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packet.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama and the United States must be superimposed *per MACGREGOR*, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superimposed *vis San Francisco*.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th May, 1873.

MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET"
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

The English Packet Packet "*TRAVANCORE*" will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.

Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 23rd instant.

The Post-Office will be open until 6 P.M. on the 23rd instant.

Letters, &c., may be posted during the night in the box left open for their reception.

Letters for registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 24th instant.

Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the 24th instant, without late fee.

Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 24th instant, will not be forwarded unless the *Late Fee* of 12 cents each as well as the postage is prepaid.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 11 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 10 A.M. on the 24th instant.

Late Letters (not Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *vis Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 11.30 A.M. to the time of sailing, on payment of a *Late Fee* of 48 cents each in addition to the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 13th May, 1873.

It is hereby notified that a line of British Mail Packet Packets has been established between Aden and Zanzibar, which, with connecting lines, will afford a regular means of correspondence, in conformity with the arrangements made by the British East Africa Company, as well as for Natal and the Cape Colony, St. Helena and Ascension, and that henceforward the postage, which must be paid in advance, on letters addressed to Zanzibar, Aden, Zeylan, Delagoa Bay, Natal, the Cape of Good Hope, and Ascension, will be 20 cents for each half-ounce, newspapers 2 cents each.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 12th May, 1873.

It is hereby notified that, a British Post Office having been established at Smyrna, closed Mails will, in future be exchanged between the British Post Office at Hongkong and the new one at Smyrna. The rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on Correspondence addressed to Smyrna, when forwarded by British Packet, are as follows, viz.—

Letters.....	2	cents per 4 ounces.
Newspapers....	2	" " per 4 ounces for each Newspaper.
	2	" " under 1 ounce.
	4	" " if above 1 ounce and under 2 ounces.
Book Packets and Patterns, ..	8	" " if above 5 ounces and under 4 ounces.
	8	" " for every additional ounce.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1873.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the postage on letters addressed to Newfoundland, which must be paid in advance, will be as follows, viz.—

When forwarded via	34	cents each 4-ounce.
Brindisi.....	"	"
When forwarded via	"	"
Marseilles.....	"	"
When forwarded via	28	" " "
Southampton.....	"	"

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1873.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Postage on Letters addressed to Norway, when forwarded via *Southampton*, will henceforward be 35 cents for each half ounce, which may either be paid in advance, or it may be left to be collected on delivery of the Letters. Unpaid Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1870.

It is hereby notified that the rates of postage chargeable on Letters addressed to the United Kingdom, and to places beyond the United Kingdom, when forwarded by French Packet, will be the same as those chargeable on Letters forwarded by British Packet via Brindisi.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 29th April, 1872.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) having given notice to the General Post Office in London that articles of Jewellery received in that Colony are chargeable with Customs Duties, the British Government has been obliged to add to the Regulations issued to the Public, and to state that any letters or packets containing such articles sent through the Post are liable, with their contents, to be forfeited.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1873.

It is hereby notified for general information that on and after the 1st August next, the Commission chargeable on Money Orders issued upon the United Kingdom at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama will be as follows, viz.—

Upwards not exceeding £2.....	18	cents.
Above £2 and not exceeding £5.....	36	"
Above £5 and not exceeding £7.....	54	"
Above £7 and not exceeding £10.....	72	"

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 16th July, 1870.

Arrangements having been made under which Mails for London arriving at Swatow from China by Private Ships will be forwarded to

